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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

SIR, *Jan.* 29, 1733.

THE following are ſome Remarks on a *Preface* to a late Play. As there are many miſrepreſentations in it, and as I have endeavoured to ſet the author right; you will oblige me particularly by inſerting them in your Journal, who am your conſtant reader.

'Tis the old ſtale pretence, when any objection has been made to a perſon's conduct or performances, that the chief ground of diſlike was owing to party. By this happy evaſion, a man has an opportunity of making a handſome retreat, without ever bringing his behaviour or merit into the queſtion. —The author of the *Ladies Revenge*, in the *Preface* to his ingenious play, has by this means very judiciouſly accounted for the ill ſucceſs of it. *A report* (as he obſerves) *having been induſtriouſly ſpred all over the town, that it was a court-play, and therefore to be oppoſed, numbers came into the houſe with an intent to damn it at all events.* This is mentioned as a motive, which occaſioned the *diſcontinuing a play that had been well received by the town in general.* — As this relates to the reception it met with the firſt night, being myſelf there, I have reaſon to apprehend it to be an intire miſrepreſentation. — There appeared no premeditated malice before in the audience. — The *Prologue* was received with univerſal applauſe; and during the firſt act, there was a perfect decency kept up. —— The firſt hiſs I heard, was in the firſt ſcene of the ſecond act: nor was there any confuſion, 'till the ſurpriſing cataſtrophe at laſt, and the diſcovery, by the ſailor, which the author has had judgment enough to ſtrike out ſince its firſt performance. —— The only appearance of party that I obſerved, was a cabal of about 20 or 30 perſons (whoſe faces I have ſeen about the offices at Whitehall) who placed themſelves in the middle of the pit, and were very clamorous in their applauſes: particularly, I remember, in the *Prologue*, they intirely ſpoilt ſome good lines, by clapping out of their cue, in the middle of verſes, and interrupting the actor before the ſenſe was compleated. After the performance indeed, the generality of the ſpectators, having experienced the author's abilities, were mutinous on the giving out the play again; but this we hope can't be called premeditated malice.

The ſecond night, conſiſtently with what the *Preface* obſerves, it was *acted without any mark of diſpleaſure*; unleſs it may be thought a mark of diſpleaſure, to be acted to little or no audience. So that to the author's boaſt of his play's ſurviving the ſecond night, we may apply a line in a late *Epilogue*,

No play is damn'd, when none will come to hear it.

He could not reſiſt the pleaſure of telling us, that the third night was graced by a ſplendid audience. —— But this might have been ſpared. For the generoſity or intereſt of the author's friends, is neither a proof of his genius, nor of the merits of his comedy.

But his grand exception is to the treatment, it met with, the fourth night; when by a ſet of 8 or 10 young fellows, a ſtop was put to ſo generally approved a piece, as he tells us this was. —— Now, to ſuppoſe, that a few people, unknown, and of no intereſt in the beau monde, were able to ſilence a play, ſo powerfully eſpouſed, and of ſuch intrinſic merits, is ſo glaring an abſurdity, that no-body but the accompliſhed author of the *Ladies Revenge*, would have advanced it. Yet to paſs by that, I am very well aſſured, that all that he has aſſerted about their declaration both before, and when in the houſe, that they came prepared to damn it, is an intire monſter of the author's own brain, merely brought in to ſupport his whimſical chimera of its being damned by the Country Intereſt. Their firſt public declaration was a hiſs, which was followed by the other cuſtomary methods, which this nation has uſed time immemorial, in order to regulate a depraved ſtage, and correct a vain author.

He has alſo artfully flung into Mr. RYAN's mouth a ſpeech highly complimenting the play; which, I beg leave to aſſure the public, Mr. RYAN never ſpoke. All that he ſaid was, without mentioning the play, 'That he hoped 'he had not offended them'. But indeed 'tis a dramatic author's privilege, to make the actor ſpeak what he pleaſes. —— Mr. QUIN's handſome addreſs, and ſeaſonable propoſal to the audience, could not miſs of the effect it produced. But here again the author either miſtakes, or miſrepreſents, by leaving out the moſt material part of the propoſal. 'Twas to this purpoſe, 'That as he found the houſe divided, he hoped they 'would not carry their exceptions to the piece ſo far, 'as to deprive the reſt of the audience of their diver'ſion that night; but he *gave his word it ſhould be preſented no more*'. As I imagine this was the only end they aimed at; they joined with the reſt of the audience in bidding them go on. After which, all was quiet, nor was there (as our author blunders) any *unanimity in the houſe to turn thoſe out that divided againſt them.* —— Indeed ſome time before, a number of foot-men out of the upper gallery propoſed that as a method for procuring quiet: but whether the reſt of the pit did not find themſelves a great majority, or whether they deſpiſed ſo ungenteel proceedings, the proteſters ſtill maintained their ground, 'till Mr. QUIN had made his overture of peace: after which they ſat, two or three minutes. —— But indeed it is no wonder to me, that not being able to give a ſecond hearing to the ſame repeated inſipidity, they ſoon left the houſe, which was not able nigh to defray charges, before they went; and were followed by a hiſs of a few of the author's friends. The behaviour of the remaining ſpectators, during the reſt of the play, their ſighs and yawns, ſeemed to me a demonſtration, that had this piece eſcaped a violent death, it muſt, in one night more, inevitably have died a natural one.

Such was its fate! and yet the modeſt author has expoſed it to public view, headed by a motto, no ways inferior in confidence to that before the *Rival Modes* ——

Interdum tamen & vocem Comœdia tollit.

The ſeveral looſe ſcenes of chamber-maids converſation, the relation of Sir LIVELY's Paris adventure, and moſt of the third act in Mrs. DARNWELL's houſe, ſufficiently juſtify the application of that line. — In thoſe places he ſinks below farce; and when he aims at high comedy, he runs either into a ſtiff pompouſneſs, or low inſipidity.

Don't therefore let the author flatter himſelf, that the ill ſucceſs of his play is owing to any party conſiderations. For I am apt to believe, there were amongſt thoſe who have manifeſted their diſlike to this comedy, perſons as zealous and ſanguine for the preſent government, as he can pretend to be; who yet were unwilling, that nonſenſe ſhould be obtruded on them under the reflecting pretence, that it was backed by the Court.

I am, Sir, yours,

ATTICUS.

SIR,

A Place in your Paper for the following lines, will oblige your humble ſervant, EUSEBIUS.

The Grotto of CALYPSO, *from the 5th Book of the* Odyſſey *of* HOMER.

Thus o'er the watry empire HERMES flies,
Till now the happy iſland greets his eyes;
Then ſwift-emerging from the rolling ſea,
Haſtes to the cave along the winding way.
Large was the grotto, where he found the fair,
The blooming Goddeſs with the radiant hair.
The joyous rocks her warbling voice reſound;
And riſing blazes gild the grotto round:
Cedar and frankincenſe the flame ſupply,
And clouds of odours gladden all the sky:
Whilſt to her loom ſhe chaunts the vocal lay,
And work and pleaſing ſong divide the day.
Before the grott, ſweet manſion of delight,
Groves of eternal greens enchant the ſight:
There alders ſhine, whoſe branches never fail;
Here poplars quiver with the balmy gale.
A fragrant ſhade the cypreſs wide-diſplays,
Where birds of broadeſt wing their manſions raiſe;
The mew, the crow loquacious in her flight,
And all that in the briny deep delight.
Vines of luxuriant growth the entrance hide,
The cluſters ſwelling with a purple tide.
From the cleft rocks four limpid currents flow,
In ſilver mazes to the vales below;
Where meads with everlaſting flowrets ſmile,
And fill with fragrance all the bliſsful iſle.
So lovely ſweet, that if a God ſhould gaze,
A God muſt view with pleaſure and amaze.
Enraptur'd ſtood the meſſenger of JOVE,
Surveying all th' elyſium of the grove.

WHen any perſon is deſirous of publiſhing a tranſlation of any ſelect paſſage of ſome author ancient or modern, whoſe whole work has been tranſlated before, it is juſtly ſuppoſed, that he imagines that he has given a better verſion of it: and if the paſſage be ſhort, there is ſtill the more reaſon to expect that the verſion ſhould be better. The preceding verſes are certainly very fine: and will therefore very probably, if read alone, be preferred to Mr. POPE's, by his profeſt enemies; and perhaps by others, who may not take the pains to examine carefully into the merits of each performance. That the reader may the more eaſily do this, I have ſubjoined Mr. POPE's tranſlation; and from the compariſon of the one with the other, and of both with the original, I have added a few ſhort notes.

THus o'er the world of waters HERMES flew,
Till now the diſtant iſland roſe in view:
Then ſwift aſcending from the azure wave,
He took the path that winded to the cave.
Large was the grot, in which the nymph he found,
(The fair-hair'd nymph with ev'ry beauty crown'd)
She ſate and ſung; the rocks reſound her lays:
The cave was brighten'd with a riſing blaze:
Cedar and frankinceenſe, an od'rous pile,
Flam'd on the hearth, and wide perfum'd the iſle:
While ſhe with work and ſong the time divides,
And thro' the loom the golden ſhuttle guides.
Without the grot, a various ſylvan ſcene,
Appear'd around, and groves of living green;
Poplars and alders ever quiv'ring play'd,
And nodding cypreſs form'd a fragrant ſhade;
On whoſe high branches, waving with the ſtorm,
The birds of broadeſt wing their manſion form,
The chough, the ſea-mew, the loquacious crow,
And ſcream aloft, and skim the deeps below.
Depending vines the ſhelving cavern ſcreen,
With purple cluſters bluſhing thro' the green.
Four limpid fountains from the cleſts diſtill,
And ev'ry fountain pours a ſev'ral rill,
In mazy windings wand'ring down the hill:
Where bloomy meads with virid greens were crown'd,
And glowing violets threw odours round.
A ſcene, where if a God ſhou'd caſt his ſight,
A God might gaze, and wander with delight!
Joy touch'd the meſſenger of heav'n: he ſtay'd
Entranc'd, and all the bliſsful haunt ſurvey'd.

VER. 2. *The happy iſland.* P. *The diſtant iſland.* Gr. Τηλόθ' ἐοῦσαν. —— *Roſe to view* ſeems both more proper, and more poetical, than *greets his eyes.*

VER. 3. *Swift-emerging.* P. *Swift aſcending.* Gr. Ἐκ πόντου βὰς. Yet from the foregoing verſes it is evident, that HERMES had not dived under water, but only flown along above the ſurface, now and then perhaps touching it with his feet. Σεύατ' ἔπειτ' ἐπὶ κῦμα. —— *The rolling ſea.* P. *The azure wave.* Gr. Πόντου ἰοειδέος.

VER. 9. *Cedar and frankincenſe the flame ſupply,*
10. *And clouds of odours gladden all the ſky.*

P. *Cedar and frankincenſe, an od'rous pile,*
Flam'd on the hearth, and wide perfum'd the iſle.

Gr. Πῦρ μὲν ἐπ' ἐσχαρόφιν μέγα καίετο, τηλόθι δ' ὀδμὴ
Κέδρου τ' εὐκεάτοιο θύου τ' ἀνὰ νῆσον ὀδώδει
Δαιομένων.

VER. 11. *Whilſt to her loom ſhe chaunts the vocal lay,*
12. *And work and pleaſing ſong divide the day.*

P. *While ſhe with work and ſong the time divides,*
And thro' the loom the golden ſhuttle guides.

Gr. —— Ἡ δ' ἔνδον ἀοιδιάουσ' ἀπὶ καλῆς,
Ἱστὸν ἐποιχομένη, χρυσείη κερκίδ' ὕφαινεν.

VER. 13. *Before the grott, ſweet manſion of delight,*
14. *Groves of eternal greens enchant the ſight.*

P. *Without the grot, a various ſylvan ſcene*
Appear'd around, and groves of living green.

Gr. Ἦλυθε δὲ σπέος ἀμφιπεφύκει τηλεθόωντα.

VER. 19. *The mew, the crow loquacious in her flight.*

P. *The chough, the sea-mew, the loquacious crow.*

Both translators seem to be mistaken here; for, I believe, the *mew* or *sea-mew* never builds in trees. The Greek is,

Σκῶπές τ' ἰγκὴς τε, ταναύγλωσσοί τε κορῶναι
Εἰνάλιαι.

VER. 20. *And all that in the briny deep delight.*

Gr. — τῇσίν τε θαλάσσια ἔργα μέμηλεν.

P. *And scream aloft, and skim the deeps below.*

The former is certainly nearer to the original, tho' the latter be very natural, and more poetical.

VER. 25. *Where meads with everlasting flowrets smile,*
26. *And fill with fragrance all the blissful isle.*

P. *Where bloomy meads with virid greens were crown'd,*
And glowing violets threw odours round.

Gr. Ἀμφὶ δὲ λειμῶνες μαλακοὶ ἴου ἦδὲ σελίνου
θήλεον.

From this short specimen, I think, it will appear, that Mr. POPE's translation is not so distant from the original, as some who perhaps do, and many who do not understand it, have represented; and that we have reason to despair of ever seeing the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* translated more closely, and at the same time more poetically, than he has done them. BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Post-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
D A. *Daily Advertiser.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Post.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Post.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 31. They write from Bath, that his highness the prince of Orange is so very much mended within these 4 days, that words can't express the extraordinary vivacity and chearfulness he now appears with. *D J.* —— The marriage of his highness is fixed for March the 1st. *L E.*

Last week John Stone, Esq; was appointed apothecary to his highness the prince of Wales. *D A.*

Yesterday being the anniversary of the 30th of January, the right rev. the lord bishop of Bangor preached before the right hon. the house of Peers, at the cathedral church of S. Peters Westminster. —— The rev. Dr. Felton before the hon. the house of Commons at S. Margarets. —— And the rev. Mr. Moody before the the lord Mayor, &c. at S. Paul's. &c. —— The bishop from this text, *A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.* —— The doctor had for his text, *Render therefore to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's.* —— And Mr. Moody from Psalm. xxxv. 11, 12. *D A.*

We hear that orders have been issued out from the war-office to all the colonels of his majesty's regiments of horse, foot and dragoons, requiring them to compleat their regiments with all proper expedition. *D A.* —— *In order, we hope, to undertake* none.

The bounty money on the exportation of corn, paid by the government in 1733, from Christmas to Christmas, amounted at the port of London to 108,000 l. at the out ports to 22,000 l. *S J. W E.*

On tuesday Armsted Parker, Esq; was elected member of parliament for Peterborough, on the country interest, in the room of Sir Charles Gounter Nicoll, deceased, without opposition. *L E.*

On tuesday came on in the duchy court of Lancaster, a great cause wherein the right hon. the earl of Wilmington was plaintiff, and Nathan Garland, Esq; defendant, relating to the boundaries of the manor of Langley and Cromble pond in the county Sussex; whether an issue or a commission should be directed for trying the said cause at common law, when the court by consent of the counsel, determined for a tryal by a jury. *C. P.*

John Naylor, Esq; fellow of King's college in Cambridge, is made one of the clerks assistants to the hon. house of Commons, a place worth 300 l. per ann. *D J.*

The person who was shot on Porton common, by John and Joshua Field, since committed to Newgate, died on monday of his wounds. *C. P. D P.* —— On tuesday one Vanblenhem, a Dutch engraver, cut his throat in S. Martin's-le-grand, and died instantly; the cause is attributed to his being in love with a young woman, who slighted him, he having often declared he would do so. *P.* —— Stabbed himself several times in the body with one of his tools, and yesterday died: a young woman, whom he was said to court, was found drowned the sunday before, near the New-river-head. *D A*

We hear that shortly will be published a tragi-comical pastoral farce, call'd *Simon Magus reviv'd*, as it was lately acted in the north of England. *D P.* — *This* farce *has been* acted in the south, *as well as* the north of England.

Died last night at his habitation in Pall-mall, in a very advanced age, count Kilmansecck, who came over from Hanover with King George I. *S J.* —— At his lodgings. *L E. D A. Feb.* 1. —— Aged about 70. *P. Feb.* 1. —— Of the small-pox, after 8 days illness, in his 23d year, count Kilmansegg, son of the countess of Kilmansegg, who came over from Hanover the beginning of the last reign. *D P. Feb.* 1. —— He came over with his highness the prince of Orange, as one of his gentlemen. *D J. Feb.* 1. — *Tho'* Mr Conundrum *cannot* account *for these different* accounts *of these two* German counts, *yet he* counts *it certain, that the younger* count *was the* son of the countess, who came over *from the* county *of* Hanover.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 1. His majesty has been pleased to appoint Charles Selwyn, Esq; member for Glouceester, to be commissary-general of all his majesty's land forces in Great Britain, in the room of Edw. Hughes, Esq; deceased. *D P.* —— Judge advocate of all, &c. *D J. D A.* —— The right hon. Charles, lord Cadogan, to be colonel of the regiment of dragoons, late brigadier Churchill's; brigadier Barrel, to be colonel of lord Cadogan's regiment; and John Pitt, Esq; to the command of brigadier Barrel's regiment. *D A.*

We hear that 15,000 extraordinary land forces will be employed for the service of the current year. —— And that Sir John Norris will be created a peer of Great Britain. *D P.*

Yesterday 900 head of oxen were killed at the victualling-office on Tower-hill. *P.*

Married yesterday at Lincoln's-inn chapel, —— Warren, Esq; to miss Broughton, daughter of Rich. Broughton of Hillington, a young gentlewoman of very ample fortune. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 2. His majesty has been pleased to declare his intention of having the Privy gardens at Whitehall, laid into a most regular and handsome manner, upon finishing the houses of the dukes of Montagu and Richmond. *P.* —— On thursday the right hon. the lord Molesworth was appointed lord lieutenant and custos rotulorum of the East-riding of Yorkshire. *D A.*

Yesterday the right hon. the lord Willoughby of Parham, took the oaths and his seat in the house of lords, in the room of his father deceased. *P. D J. D A.* —— The same day Mr. Willoughby, a cutler, on Tower-hill, presented a petition in relation to the said barony; but with no success. *D J. D A.* —— The petition was not rejected. *D J. Feb.* 4. — *If this* cutler *can* cut *his* lordship out *of* the house of lords, *and his own way* into *it*, *his* weapons *must have a very* sharp edge.

On tuesday Rich. Jackson, Esq; one of the directors of the South-sea company was chosen member for Sudbury in Suffolk, in the room of John Knight, Esq; deceased, he had 417 votes, and Mr. Price 333. *DP. DJ. DA.*

We are credibly informed, that Charles Fleetwood, Esq; of Bromley-hall, in the county of Stafford, a gentleman of an estate of upwards of 8000 l. *per ann.* hath purchased all the shares of the patentees of the theatre in Drury-lane, and that he will keep them himself, or dispose of them to such persons (actors only) as shall be approved of by the players: on which conditions, we hear that the company from the theatre in the Hay-market, are about to return to their old house. *C.* — *These* conditions *seem to me unintelligible, who take* actors *and* players *to signify the same persons.*

On wednesday Mrs. Mary Barber was taken up by two of his majesty's messengers on the information of the rev. Mr. Pilkington, chaplain to the late lord mayor, on account of an *Epistle to a lady* lately published: yesterday she was admitted to bail. *P.* —— *It is thought by many, that if* Mr. Pilkington *cannot* trim himself, Mrs. Barber *will* shave *him.*

On wednesday the lady of David Polhill, Esq; member for Rochester, was safely delivered of a son, in Frith-street, Soho. *C. D P.*

Mr. Hay, a Sussex gentleman, a relation to his grace the duke of Newcastle, is chosen member for Seaford, in the room of the lord Hardwicke, without opposition. And the hon. Sir Will. Stanhope and Sir Tho. Lee, the present knights of the shire for the county of Bucks, who both voted against the excise, will be rechosen without opposition. *L E.*

Died last week near Litchfield, Sir John Floyer, Knt. a very eminent physician. —— On tuesday at Boyton near Warminster, Edmund Lambert, Esq; —— On wednesday in Aldermanbury —— Latham, Esq; formerly an eminent merchant of this city, worth 20,000 l. *C. D P.* —— On thursday night, aged 80, Sir James Hallet, formerly an eminent goldsmith in Cheapside. *D J.* —— Yesterday morning, aged 70. *D P.* — Yesterday at Brook-house near Hackney, Mr. Grimes of Swithin's-lane, worth 20,000 l. *S J.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 4. Yesterday the rev. Dr. Haldrige preached before their majesties, his royal highness the prince of Wales, and the 3 eldest princesses. —— And the rev. Dr. Clark before his royal highness the duke, and the princesses Mary and Louisa. *C.* —— Holridge: Clarke. *D J.* — Halldridge. *D A.*

His majesty has been pleased to appoint the right hon. Tho. lord Malton, to be lord lieutenant of the West riding of the county of York. *C. D P. D J. D A.* — The hon. board of works have received orders from his majesty to new tile, beautify, and repair the barracks in the Savoy. *P.* —— Yesterday a petition was presented to his majesty, from the prisoners in the Fleet, begging relief in behalf of themselves and many thousands more; and his majesty after reading the same, was pleased to order the petition to be carried to the office of his grace the duke of Newcastle to be considered of. *P.*

They talk of a squadron of 30 sail of the line being sent into the Mediterranean in the spring, under the command of Sir John Jennings, who will hoist his flag on board the Britannia, a first rate. —— 'Tis now said that only 3000 land forces will be added for the service of the current year. *D P.*

On saturday the gentlemen benchers of the Temple, gave a grand entertainment to the right hon. the lord Chancellor, his honour the master of the Rolls, judges, &c. at the Inner Temple-hall, where the revels were performed according to custom, after which, a comedy call'd *Love for love*, was performed by the company of comedians from the Haymarket, at which his royal highness the prince of Wales, the duke, &c. were present; when the right hon. the lord Chancellor took leave of the society, in a very handsome and elegant speech for the honour they had done him. *C. D P.* —— The society of the Middle-Temple. *P. D J.* —— The society of the Inner-Temple. 'Tis remarkable, that a baron of beef was served up at dinner, that weighed 35 stone, borne by 4 men. *D A.* —— *Tho'* a baron *of beef always* weighs *at least as much as* two Sir-loins; *yet sometimes* one Sir-baronet outweighs *many* barons.

Last week the rev. Dr. Jackson was appointed one of the prebendaries of the cathedral church of S. Paul's. *D P.*

Married on friday at S. Martin's, Tho. Blaithwaite, Esq; to miss Blundell, a young gentlewoman of very ample fortune. *P.*

Died on friday at Millbank, Westminster, Mr. Planner, a wealthy distiller, worth 20,000 l. *P.* —— On saturday at Islington, Mrs. Dorothy Manners. *D A.* —— A maiden gentlewoman possess'd of an estate of 700 l. per ann. *C.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 5. We hear that his excellency Mr. Keen, his majesty's minister at the court of Spain, will take on him the character of an envoy extraordinary from his Britannick majesty. *C. D P.* —— His majesty has been pleased to appoint, &c. *P.* —— Yesterday orders were issued from the war-office, for the serjeants and corporals belonging to the 3 regiments of foot, to augment each company with 10 men. *C. D P.* —— With nine men *per* company. *P.*

We are credibly informed, that their high mightinesses the states-general of the united provinces have given his majesty their assurances, that they will concur with him in all such steps as he shall be pleased to take in the present conjuncture for securing the ballance of power in Europe. *D A.*

The societies of the Temple were pleased to present the sum of 50 l. to the comedians of his majesty's Revels. *D A.* —— 30 l. *S J.*

The hon. Henry Finch, Esq; member for Malton, is to be made judge advocate of the forces, in the room of Edw. Hughes, Esq; deceas'd. *D P.* — The commissioners of the excise have appointed Mr. Stanley to succeed Mr. Hughes as first clerk of the excise-office, a place of very considerable profits. *P.* — *See first paragraph* of Friday.

Yesterday the great cause depending between John Vernon, Esq; appellant, and the lord mayor and citizens of Dublin, respondents, was determined, in favour of the former. *D P.*

The hon. trustees for settling the new colony of Georgia, have lately assigned over to Mr. Wardrope, an eminent architect, 200 acres of land, he intending speedily to go over with several servants, in order to settle there upon his own foundation. *D J.*

Private letters from Moscow bring an account, that Mr. Small, an English merchant, having been drinking all night at Mr. Morley's, another English merchant's house, with a surgeon of the same nation, and having had some words with him, as Mr. Small was getting into a sledge, the surgeon ran him into the body with a sword, of which he died in a few hours, and the surgeon is condemned to be hanged. *D P.*

Married, last sunday at S. Anne's Soho, the rev. Mr. James, son of Sir Robert James, Bar. to miss Vaujan of Leicester-fields, an agreeable young gentlewoman of a very good family and fortune. *P.* — Yesterday at Whitehall chapel, the rev. Mr. Wilson, son of the bishop of Man, to Mrs. Haywood, a widow lady of great fortune. *P.* —— A young lady. *D A.* —— Of Stoke New-

ington: a very plentiful fortune. *D P.*

Died, laſt week, in Caſtle-yard Holborn, William Trigg, Eſq; barriſter at law. *D P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 6. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the rev. Dr. Tho. Rundale, chaplain to the lord Chancellor, to be biſhop of Glouceſter. *D P.— My brother* L E. *yeſterday gave* Dr. Conybeare *his intereſt.*

10 men are to be added to each troop of horſe, 9 to each troop of dragoons, and 9 private men and a corporal to each company of foot, on the eſtabliſhment of Great Britain. *D A.*

The election of an ordinary of Newgate, is put off to tueſday next. *C. D P. D A.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

TO oblige TIGELLIUS, the following *Prologue* and *Epilogue* are publiſhed, which we rather admire than underſtand: but ſuppoſe, that they may be very well ſuited to the *Opera*, which we have not ſeen; and that all three reflect light upon one another.

The PROLOGUE *intended to be ſpoken to* THE KEEPERS, *A Ballad Opera: written by* ———, *a ſtudent at the Univerſity.*

To ſettle pleaſure, and to temper pain,
Strengthen the mind, and purify the brain:
Wit to diſperſe, and humour to diſpenſe,
The ſoul of virtue, and the life of ſence:
A bard reform'd would regulate the ſtage,
Refine the taſte, and animate the age:
By nought miſguided, yet by none miſrul'd,
Inflam'd by reaſon, yet by judgment cool'd;
By practice good, and by experience wiſe,
Speaks as he thinks, and as he lives, he dies.
Simple his plot, and moral his deſign,
As cuſtom ſacred, and as law divine:
Each ſcene's a ſermon, and each verſe a text,
This world may damn him, but he'd ſave the next.
Tho' dull his Farce, no dullneſs it affords
Of things disjointed, or mishapen words:
No buskin'd ſcene, or garter'd dreſs he brings,
Statira'd queens, or Alexander'd kings:
No friſking gods, or cap'ring devils riſe,
To pleaſe the fooliſh, and diſpleaſe the wiſe:
No Drury whore, or Temple rake you'll ſee,
Solus cum ſola, or with *rem in re:*
Whoſe noiſy tongues, and empty heads are ſuch,
They think too little, and they talk too much.
Attend each keeper, and amend his life,
Th' unwholſome harlot, for the wholeſome wife:
Blameleſs yourſelf, then you may blame the whore,
Who when infected moſt, infects the more:
Aſcribe to woman, what is woman's due,
Who'd rather croſs herſelf, than not croſs you:
Reſiſt ill-nature, and repell chagrin,
Nor hiſs a ſentence to confound a ſcene:
Tho' writers find, and actors always found,
The whole was faulty, if a part's unſound.

The EPILOGUE.

No more by tutors job'd, or ſconc'd by proctors,
Unthinking ſtudents, or unmeaning doctors:
Our wrangling bard, diſputes it with the gown,
Nor jars the formal ſchool and ſocial town:
In logic terms, no arguments uncooth,
Embarraſs reaſon, or entangle truth:
While pedant ſchool-men, with ideas play,
The uſeful ſcholars are expell'd away,
And no ideas of a college ſtay.
Conſcious of faults, and ſenſible of ſhame,
Nameleſs himſelf, he would conceal his name:
No party made expoſes this effort,
The churchman's laughter, or the layman's ſport:
Each lady's pleaſure, and her foot-man's jeſt,
Something he ſhews, but nothing is expreſt;
For parts he has — and may ſupply the reſt.
No more let cat-calls in ſop's corner doubt,
To clap with noſes, or to clap without:
Let Temple-walls, and College-gates incloſe,
Their batter'd witlings, and their ſhrivel'd beaux:
So may no morning lectures taint your looks,
Nor more pollute with gallipots your books:
So few ſhall write — tho' very few refrain,
Your ſenſe ſo heavy, and ſo light your brain:
With witleſs ballad, or with taſteleſs ſong,
Untune an audience, or unnerve a throng:
So ſhall no preſs be gall'd, or houſe deplore
Proſaic treaſure, or poetic ſtore:
Count o'er their uſeleſs money, paper gold,
Dull drolls forgotten, and dull plays unfold.
From our example learn the pamphlet trade,
Of verſe be cautious, and of proſe afraid:
Regard the worthy, but th' unworthy ſpare,
Juſt to yourſelf, but juſter to the play'r.
Writings are many, tho' their writers few;
Then buy the old, and you have bought the new:
Since worſe and better plays may both be had,
Reprint the good ones, and return the bad.
So ſhall no ſenſual prieſt with bawdy fiſt,
Prais'd in the pulpit, on the ſtage be hiſt:
No ſqueamiſh audience lumpiſh things deſpiſe,
Grow good by ſermons, and by plays grow wiſe:
When each the other to ſupport contrives,
They'll hold good livings, and they'll lead good lives.

Since our laſt we have received an ingenious *Letter* from WILL. WAX-WARM, which we think too warm for our *Journal*; and *The Hern a fable*, from L. K.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Jan.* 31. ——— *Paris, Feb.* 6. The trenches before Tortona were opened in the night between the 23d and 24th paſt. *C. P. D A.*

Rome, Jan. 16. They write from Parma, that a treaty is concluded between the courts of Madrid and Lisbon, whereby the king of Portugal is to furniſh his Catholic majeſty with 12 ſhips of war, and 3000 men. *W E.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 1. ——— *Milan, Jan.* 20. It is certain, that the infante Don Carlos will go to command the ſiege of Mantua before this month is at an end; his equipage being in a readineſs. *P.*

Vienna, Jan. 23. It is reported, that a negotiation is upon the carpet, for a marriage between duke Ferdinand of Bavaria's eldeſt ſon, and the emperor's youngeſt daughter. *P. D P. D J. D A.* ——— We flatter ourſelves, that the court of Portugal will declare in favour of the emperor. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 2. —— *Vienna, Jan.* 23. A Britiſh nobleman is ſaid to be juſt arrived from the court of France, where he made propoſals for reſtoring the peace of Europe. *D P.* —— A perſon of diſtinction. *D J.* —— *Jan.* 27. Prince Eugene of Savoy has declared, that he will make the campaigne upon the Rhine. *W E.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 4. ——— *Cracow, Jan.* 22. The nuncios of Lithuania have brought the good news, that almoſt all the Palatinates of the great duchy of Lithuania, excepting two or three, were confederated in favour of Auguſtus III. *C. D J.* —— *Dantzick, Jan.* 27. The nobility of Lithuania are actually engag'd in an aſſociation to ſupport his majeſty [Staniſlaus] on the throne. *D A. Feb.* 2.

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